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**PATENT APPLICATION**

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In re the Application of:

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Application No.: 09/383,115

Examiner: Joseph E. Avellino

Filed: August 25, 1999

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For: SYMMETRIC MULTIPROCESSOR SYSTEM AND METHOD

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 31, 2003

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated October 1, 2003, having been duly extended from January 1, 2003, until February 1, 2003, by the attached Petition for Extension of Time, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below.

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please substitute the title presently on file with the following amended title:  
"Symmetric Multiprocessing System and Method for an Operating System Having Critical and Non-Critical Areas".